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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CHEM-OIL INDUSTRIES LTD REPRESENTATIVE

DEPT PASS: MR. SH. H. EGGERS

CHEM-OIL INDUSTRIES LTD

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

TELEX NO. 666374

1. WELCOME YOUR VISIT TO ABIDJAN IN OCTOBER. REGRET
DELAY IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEX AS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE
AND PETROLEUM OFFICER WERE BOTH ABSENT FROM POST. EMBASSY
WORKING HOURS ARE 0830 TO 1230 AND 1400 TO 1730 MONDAY
THROUGH FRIDAY. TELEPHONE: 31-29-64 OR 31-29-20
EXTENSIONS 346 THROUGH 349.

2. RESPONSES TO YOUR EQUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PETROLEUM DISTRIBUTION JOINTLY
SHARED BY DIRECTION DES HYDROCARBURES IN MINISTRY OF
MINES (ADDRESS: B.P.V. 50 ABIDJAN; TEL. 32-50-05/32-50-13;
TELEX: NONE) AND SOCIETE NATIONAL D'OPERATIONS
PETROLIERES DE COTE D'IVOIRE (PETROCI) (ADDRESS:
B.P.V. 194 ABIDJAN; TEL. 32-45-58/32-45-35; TELEX:
PETROCI ABIDJAN 2135). EMBASSY SUGGESTS YOU MAKE
PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH DIRECTION DES HYDROCARBURES
AND LET THAT OFFICE CARRY IT FROM THERE.

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B. SHARE OF DISTRIBUTION MARKET FOR REFINED
PRODUCTS IN IVORY COAST IS APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS:
MOBIL 20.7 PERCENT; TOTAL 16.5 PERCENT; BP 16.4 PERCENT
(50 PERCENT OWNED BY PETROCI); SHELL 16.1 PERCENT;
AGIP 12.4 PERCENT; TEXACO 11.1 PERCENT; ESSO 6.8 PERCENT.
1976 IMPORTS APPROXIMATELY AS FOLLOWS: MOTOR GASOLINE

(INCLUDING AVGAS AND BLENDING AGENTS) 18,000 METRIC TONS; DUAL PURPOSE (JET FUEL AND KEROSENE) 15,600 METRIC TONS; DISTILLATE FUEL OILS 66,200 METRIC TONS.

C. IVORY COAST REFINERY IS OPERATED BY SOCIETE IVOIRIENNE DE RAFFINAGE (SIR). OWNERSHIP IS 30 PERCENT IVORY COAST GOVERNMENT AND THE REST BY FOREIGN COMPANIES IN PERCENTAGES ROUGHLY EQUAL TO THEIR SHARE OF DISTRIBUTION MARKET. OPERATION IS ELF-UNION. CAPACITY IS TWO MILLION METRIC TONS PER YEAR WITH PLANS TO DOUBLE CAPACITY BY 1970. IN 1976 IVORY COAST REFINED 1,666,285 METRIC TONS OF CRUDE. IN RECENT YEARS CRUDE HAS INCLUDED HASSI-MESSAOUD; MANDJI; ARZEW; NIGERIAN LIGHT; MURBAN; IRANIAN LIGHT; HASSI-R'MEL; DUBAI; BASRAH; ARAB LIGHT.

D. IVORY COAST ALSO RE-EXPORTS REFINED PRODUCTS TO MALI AND UPPER VOLTA.
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